

Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and
Early Learning Center
400 Barclay Avenue
Forest Hills, Pennsylvania 15221

September 2016

When Lighting Strikes

Recently, there was a severe thunderstorm in the area of Christ Lutheran Church. A bolt of lightning struck near the school, sending an electrical surge through parts of the building. We lost the fire alarm system, the phone system, and the computer network. All three of those needed to be fixed as soon as possible. The alarm system monitors the building for smoke and fire. We have to have that. The phone system is how we talk to the outside world. That is a must. Most of our work these days is done on computers, and without a network, everything comes to an immediate halt. We could fix none of these problems by ourselves. We had to have three different technicians come and fix each problem.

What about when lightning strikes in your life, knocking out your major systems of faith, joy, peace, love, etc.? We can't fix those ourselves. There is one you can call for help – the Lord Jesus Christ. He assures us in John 16:33; “In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Whether the trouble you are experiencing is in your personal life, family, work or church, Jesus is the one who makes it right. We have his invitation, “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” Psalm 50:15. Make the call today.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

*A Class for Parents with
Children to be Baptized*

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

- All Inquirers are welcome.
- Connect your child with the eternal blessings of God bestowed in Holy Baptism!
- Child Care and Sunday School will be available for all children during class.
- Receive a Free *Parents’ Kit* which includes:
 - Full-color Study Materials
 - How to choose Godparents
 - A copy of the *Rite of Baptism*
 - Application for Baptism
 - Baptism Certificate
 - Simple Tools for Christian parenting.

This Class will meet on Sundays, September 11, 18 & 25 from 8:45-9:45am in the Pastor’s office. *(Please join us for worship at 10:00am!)*

To Register:

Stop in or call the church office at (412) 271-7173 or email pastor@christlutheranfh.org

“Baptism...now saves you” 1 Peter 3:21

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The WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD will be meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 at 7 pm. All women within the congregation are considered to be members. Also, suggestions and ideas are greatly appreciated. ("This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Corinthians 9:12)

LWML Eastern District Fall Retreat – September 16-18, 2016

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY

Theme: "Love, joy, peace," based on Galatians 5:22

Speaker: LWML Eastern District Pastoral Counselors

PORTALS OF PRAYER - The Rev. Debra L. Reitz from SCI-Muncy sent a thank you note for the Portals of Prayers we have sent to them. Rev. Reitz reports that the women enjoy reading the Portal of Prayers. There is a bin in the library. For more information contact Ruth Hirko. ("Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God"-1 Chronicles 22:19)

PRAYER SHAWLS - Contact Karen Hoblak or Jayne Simpson if you know of someone who may be in need of a prayer or if would like to make a prayer shawl. ("...for you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me"- Psalms 86:17.)

SHUT-INS – Many of our members, who are unable to attend church services enjoy getting the cards and notes that you send them. If you would like to brighten their day, you can do this by sending cards or messages to them. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information. ("Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways! Psalm 128.1")

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE – A lot of times, people will say "give me a call." If you have moved or know a member who has moved, the church would appreciate getting yours or their new address and phone number. Also, e-mail addresses are greatly appreciated for the people sending the church newsletter to people. Contact the church, Rosalie Filler, Barb Mitchell or Sally Powell.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – That little square, circle, oblong, triangle stamp that is put on an envelope serves two purposes - you get mail and the Canadian Bible Society is able to supply Bibles for Prison Ministries and third world countries. There is a bin in the library for the cancelled stamps. Contact Karen Hoblak for more information. (to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:12)

QUILTING – With the hot humid weather we have had lately, no one really wants to use a warm quilt, but come the winter months many homeless people would greatly appreciate getting a quilt. We will start up our quilting sessions on Tuesdays, September 13th and 27th at 9 am. It is very easy to do. The quilt top, middle and back is already made. It just has to be sewn together. It is like sewing a button on, put the needle and yarn in the quilt pull it back out, tie two knots and cut the yarn or like lacing up a pair of sneakers. Contact Joyce Purucker for more information. ("She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" Proverbs 31:20)

HELPING HANDS/SONSHINE KITCHEN – We coordinate and serve meals after a funeral and plan, prepare and serve meals at the Concordia, McKeesport Sonshine Kitchen. Contact Rosalie Filler or Dee Law. Monday, September 19th, 2016 Christ Lutheran church will be helping to prepare and serve at the Sonshine Kitchen. We feed about 100-125 people. We will be serving them hot ham/cheese sandwiches, salad, fruit cocktail and chips. Donations are being accepted for hamburger buns, salad, fruit cocktail and chips and monetary donations. There is signup sheet on the Fellowship hall bulletin board. (He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry, Psalm 146:7).

ALTAR GUILD – Cares for everything pertaining to Communion and provides Baptismal napkins and banners. Contact Ruth Hirko if you are able to serve. (Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, Psalm 95:6)

Service Times

Since the end of May, we have worshiped together in one service at 10:00am. This change was made as a trial based on a recommendation of the Church Health Team in order to improve the key element of “Inspiring Worship.” Many have expressed the opinion that the worship has truly been more “inspiring” with more in attendance to join in worshiping the Lord in song. Others have enjoyed the fellowship with members in the “other service.” In the survey we took in the service two weeks ago a majority of you voted to stay with the single service, rather than return to the 8:15am and 11:00am schedule. Based on direct feedback, the results of the survey, and prayerful discussion, the Elders at their meeting last week, decided to continue with the single service for the foreseeable future. We recognize that this has been a change in Sunday habits for all of us and pray that you find ways to adapt to this new routine.

News from the Flock

MARRIAGE

Amanda Payne and Miguel Breight were united in Holy Matrimony at Christ Lutheran on August 13. The congregation wishes God’s blessings on their married life.

DEATH

Kathy Neubauer went to be with her Lord on August 6th in Frostburg, Maryland. She was the wife of former member, Jeff Neubauer. She was 58 years old and had battled ovarian cancer for 3 years.

NEWS

Lauretta Critchlow and Chuck Koenig both celebrated their 92nd birthdays in August.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that worked to clear and organize the school and church. The unneeded items are being sold, recycled, and donated. Susan Wagner was instrumental in the entire process being completed.

Welcome to Kim Howie as our Interim Early Learning Center Director.

Serving Christ in September

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector
September 4	10:00am	Steve Stern	Timothy Breight	Lois Frerking
September 11	10:00am	John Hoblak	Allison Stephens	Paul Simpson
September 18	10:00am	Glenn Filler	Jordan Stephens	Georgi Shirley
September 25	10:00am	Paul Simpson	Meghan Elaschat	John Hoblak

Addresses for our shut-ins



Wayne & Fran Giesey
310 Pennoak Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Clorinda Mastrocola
200 Union Avenue
North Versailles, PA 15137

Marty & Cindy Hornak
Seneca Place, Room 134
5350 Saltsburg Road
Verona, PA 15147

James & Ann Tubbs
41 Central Avenue
N. Versailles, PA 15135-1101

Paul & Keretta Bruner
615 Horizon View Drive
Penn Hills, PA 15235

Ruth Hudson
214 Orin Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Pam Viher
406 Howard Street
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Helen Dechamps
211 Taylor Ridge Lane
Mars, PA 16046

Charles Koenig
Concordia Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike
Room 126
Monroeville, PA 15146

Tom Walton
LGAR
800 Elsie Street Room 202-B
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Louise Garofolo
Independence Court
279 Center Road
Room 204
Monroeville, PA 15146

Allan Lindblom
825 East End Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Henry Watkins
817 Alpine Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

September Prayer Petition

Be still my soul before the
Lord, for God is always
near. Before your mind is
moved to pray, God
listens and will hear.
Lutheran Service Book,
Hymn 771, v. 1

Bob & Joan Yazvac
979 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Olga Zinn
Buckingham South
5450 Abercorn Street, Ste.405
Savannah, GA 31405

Celebrating in September

Anniversaries



- 2 Lee Schoenthal
Kathleen Sourbeer
- 4 Jonathan Breight
- 9 Robert Yazvac
- 11 David Garris
- 12 Katherine Mastrocola
Dylan McNutt
Allison Stephens
Madison Stephens
- 13 Carol Sapanara
- 15 James Chick
Diana Lydon
- 17 Anthony Egidio
- 3 Carl & Edith Osterholm, III
- 9 Robert & Gina Egidio
Gerald & Cathleen Williams
- 15 Daniel & Lee Hricko
- 17 Luke & Jennifer Matthews
- 26 Jeffrey & Jennifer Lang
- 30 Donald & Dianna Corbett, Sr.

Birthdays



- 20 Pauline Kuenzi
Cassandra Lang
- 22 Keith Ertman
- 23 Edith Osterholm
- 24 Vivian Lehman
- 25 Lynn Fisher
Martin Hornak
- 28 Stephen Giovanetti
Michael March
- 29 Lori Logsdon
Ryan MacNamara
Cody Schoenthal

Important Dates



Labor Day-September 5th

Women's Service Guild Meeting-September 6th

Rally Day-September 11th (Sunday School Starts!!)

Quilting-September 13th & 27th

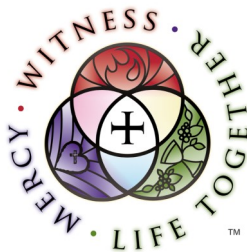
LWML Retreat-September 16th through September 18th

Sonshine Kitchen-September 19th

Church Service Times

Sunday

10:00am Divine Service



Bible Studies

Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School ages 3-14
(Begins September 11th)

9:00am Adult Bible Study Groups

Visit our website for additional information and for our complete church and school calendars at www.christlutheranfh.org